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Dr. Harmon C. McAllister Associate Research Director The Council for Tobacco Research U.S.A. Inc. 900 Third Avenue New York, New York 10022

Dear Dr. McAllister:

An international conference entitled "Neuroimmunomodulation," is to be held in Copper Mountain, Colorado on June 26-July 1, 1988 under the auspices of the FASEB Summer Conference Program. A preliminary program is enclosed for your consideration. Over 130 scientists have transmitted to me their intent to participate in this conference. As for any integrative effort in science and medicine, the representation is broad and includes immunologists, neuroscientists, physiologists, pharmacologists, biochemists, and a wide range of clinical subspecialists. Although the proceedings as such will not be reported, a monograph or journal supplement based on the meeting will transmit to a broader audience the major new advances in the field.

The organization, conduct, and reporting of a meeting of this magnitude, especially with a variety of international participants, is, as you know, immensely expensive. FASEB provides a nominal budget of approximately \$5,000-6,000 for each such meeting. At this point, the organizing committee estimates that we will need a minimum of \$40,000 in additional funds in order to pay most of the expenses for travel and accommodations for the session chairpersons, principal speakers, and after-dinner speakers.

I hope that you will consider contributing generously to the support of this critically important conference. The understanding of neuroimmunology has shown remarkable growth in the past five years and promises to provide new approaches to a wide range of human diseases and fundamental biological phenomena. We have addressed the need to apply strict criteria and rigorous criticism to all aspects of the investigative efforts in this area by inviting as session chairpersons and principal speakers only the most respected individuals, who have made prominent contributions recently. This will be the premier meeting in the field in the next two years as the triennial

international meeting as well as the first FASEB conference in this area. For all of these reasons, I hope that you will send a check for a substantial contribution payable to "FASEB Summer Conferences" and mail it to me at the above address.

Thank you again very much for your consideration of this request and your generous support.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Goetzl, M.D.

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